

BIHAR

Budget: There is no separate budget provision for the State Archives, Bihar. It is not yet included in a plan item so far. The expenses of the Archives are met from the common pool of "19 General Administration - Political Appointment Departments."

Building: The State Archives continued to function in the old Secretariat Building as reported in 1969-70.

Accession of Records: 56 bound records of English Correspondence which are of considerable significance from administrative as well as historical points of view were acquired from Saran (Chapra) Collectorate. Due to lack of accommodation the accession of Departmental records remained practically suspended.

Arrangement of Records: Records of the main series of Revenue and Judicial Departments (Receipts and Despatches) were arranged Department-wise in chronological order. District and Divisional records were also arranged in chronological order.

Research and Reference: 36 scholars availed themselves of research facilities. The State Government has recently relaxed the research rules from 50 years to 30 years limit. The records are now thrown open upto the year 1941.

272 employees from the various Departments of the State Government also worked in the State Archives for reference work.

1,226 requisitions were received, out of which 106 were query cases. 826 records were supplied and 693 records restored to their proper places.

Reference Media: Descriptive List of Patna Commissioner's Records Series Volume III and List of Important Bundles - Revenue and Judicial Department (1853-1874), was prepared.

Hand Books of Chotanagpur Records (1795-1859), and Purnea Records (1775-1874) were under preparation.

Publication Programme: A Hand Book of Bhagalpur Records (1774-1855) and Who's Who of Freedom Fighters, Bihar, Volume I were ready for publication.

Preservation of Records: 1,412 sheets and 5 old books were repaired with tissue paper. 182 volumes were stitched and repaired. 221 volumes of Gazetteers were bound with cloth and leather. Lack of proper scientific equipment and paucity of staff continued to hamper the work.

Library: 1836 volume of Gazettes of India and Bihar and 46 books were acquired.